

REMARKS

The claims have been amended above to address improper multiple dependencies, correct claim informalities, cancel claims that were in a “use” format, and add claims in a proper method format. In particular:

- Claim 1 has been amended to correct minor informalities that have been noted, such as the use of the term “for example.”
- The dependencies of claims 6-11, 13-16, 18, 21, 23-27, 29-30 and 32 have been amended, whereby all improper multiple dependencies have been eliminated.
- Independent compound claim 31 has been made dependent on claim 1.
- “Use” claims 33-36 have been cancelled as being in a format not generally accepted under U.S. practice.
- Process claim 37 has been amended to remove minor informalities.
- New method claims 38 and 39 have been added.

Support for new method claims is found throughout the specification, and more particularly at page 5, lines 10-25; in the Biological Assays extending from page 66, line 9 through page 73, line 19; and at page 74, line 32 through page 79, line 12. No new matter has been added by the above amendments, and entry thereof is therefore respectfully requested.

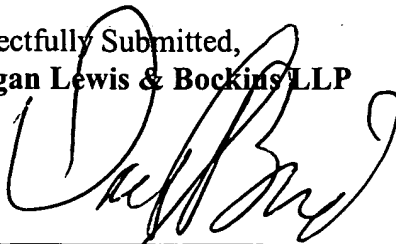
Following entry of the above amendments, claims 1-32 and 37-39 are pending in this application.

EXCEPT for issue fees payable under 37 C.F.R. § 1.18, the Director is hereby authorized by this paper to charge any additional fees during the entire pendency of this application including fees due under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required, including any required extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 50-0310. This paragraph is intended to be a **CONSTRUCTIVE PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME** in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3).

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